(b) to (d) It has been India's well known and consistent position that the State of Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under the forcible and illegal occupation of Pakistan. Under the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration, India is committed to resolving all issues with Pakistan, peacefully through direct bilateral approaches.

Missing entries of passports issued at Houston

821. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether entries of Indian Passports issued by India's Consulate General at Houston from 1995 to 1998 are missing;

(b) if so, the reasons for not bringing it to Government's notice immediately after the lapse; and

(c) the action taken against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Issuance of passports and visas to undesirable elements

822. DR. DASAR1NARAYAN RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether issuing of passports and visas to the undesirable elements and anti-national elements by the Indian Embassies and Consulates abroad have come to light recently suspecting that Al-Quaida and other terrorists were issued passports and visas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(C) whether it is a fact that in cover-up bid the Embassies/Consulates have destroyed the relevant records;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government have taken in this regard and what action is proposed to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH) (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) In view of the present security scenario, instructions for taking proper precautions have already been issued to all Indian Mission/Posts abroad.

Chinese arms with Norm-East insurgents

823. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the "Pioneer" dated the 25th December, 2001, under the heading Chinese AK-47s floating in North-East;

(b) if so, whether Government had made any assessment about the availability of Chinese arms in North-East for insurgents, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter was taken up with the Government of China with whom Government had entered into an understanding that they would not offer encouragement to North-East insurgents; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government remains vigilant and takes all necessary and appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India.

Assistance to Assam insurgents and ISI

824. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh is providing various kind of assistance to Assam insurgents and to ISI activities;

(b) if so, the details of such assistance;

(c) whether Government have raised the matter with the Bangladesh Government; and